

Biography of
**THE HONORABLE TERRY RICE ARKANSAS STATE
SENATOR**



**VICE CHAIRMAN – ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SENATE DISTRICT 9**

Senator Terry Rice represents Senate District 9, which comprises Scott County and portions of Crawford, Franklin and Sebastian Counties.

He was elected to the Senate in 2014 and was sworn in on the first day of the 2015 regular session, after serving in the House of Representatives for three terms, from 2009 through 2014.

Senator Rice is Senate vice chairman of the Legislative Council and its Executive Subcommittee. He serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, the Joint Performance Review Committee, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. Senator Rice is an alternate on the Joint Budget Committee.

Senator Rice works with legislators from across the country as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He is a member of the Energy and Environment Committee of SLC, the Committee on Suggested State Legislation of CSG and the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Standing Committee of NCSL.

In 2008, Rice was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives where he served three consecutive terms and represented portions of seven counties. His father and grandfather served in the Arkansas Legislature.

Senator Rice is the longtime co-owner of Rice Furniture in Waldron and a cattle farmer. He is president of two Rice Furniture & Appliance Stores.

He is a past president of the Arkansas Home Furnishings Association and has served on the southeast region board of Associated Volume Buyers/Brand Source National Dealer Group. He has received regional and state recognition for his professional accomplishments including Dealer of the Year from various industry associates.

Senator Rice was born in Fort Smith. He and his wife JoAnn have been married for more than 44 years, and have two sons and four grandchildren. They are members of Bates Baptist Church.